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no passengers, and with 1 new member of the crew taken on here. This vessel lay at the coffee wharves. On the 26th ultimo the British steamship *Goodwood*, for New Orleans, La., with a cargo of coffee, no passengers and no change in the personnel of the crew. This ship sailed via Santos. On the 27th ultimo the British steamship *Pandosia*, for Baltimore, Md., with a cargo of manganese ore, no passengers and no change in the crew personnel. On the 27th the original inspection of the ship was made, but as she was delayed in sailing she was re-inspected on the 30th ultimo, on which date she finally sailed. On the 28th ultimo the British steamship *Malvern*, for Philadelphia, with a cargo of manganese ore, no passengers and no change in the personnel of the crew. On the 31st ultimo the British steamship *Kassala*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers and no change in the personnel of the crew. No other vessels left this port during the week under consideration. This last-named vessel was the last to which a bill of health was given during the calendar year 1904, and made a total of 136 ships leaving here for the United States and Cuban ports. There was, however, but 1 vessel of the latter sort.

*Mortuary report of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, January 1, 1905.*

During the week there were in all 282 deaths—a very great improvement. Of this number, the causes were as follows: Yellow fever caused no death, with, however, 1 new case. Plague caused 11 deaths, with 20 new cases, leaving at the end of the week 74 cases in the hospital. Variola caused 23 deaths, with 73 new cases, leaving at the week's end 122 cases in the hospital. Diphtheria caused 4 deaths; grippe, 7; typhoid fever, 1; dysentery, 1; beriberi, 1; leprosy, 2; malarial fevers, 5; tuberculosis, 49; septicæmia, 1; syphilis, 2; cancer, 4; other general diseases, 2; diseases of the nervous system, 36; of the circulatory system, 33; of the respiratory system, 21; of the digestive system, 44; of the urinary system, 5; of the genital system, 1; accidents in the puerperal state, 1; congenital debility, 15; senile debility, 6; violent deaths (except suicide), 4; suicide, 1, and diseases badly defined, 2.

Males, 174; natives, 224; foreigners, 56; nationality unknown, 2.

The daily average was 40.28, compared with 50.28 during the preceding week and with 44 for the corresponding week of 1903.

This gives a coefficient per 1,000 of the estimated population of 17.34—an extremely low death rate.

The maximum range of the thermometer was, on the 28th ultimo, 32.8° C., and the minimum, on the 27th ultimo, 21.2° C., with an average of 23.81° C. Rainfall: Total, 54.99 mm.; daily average, 7.85 mm.

CHINA.

*Would-be emigrants at Hongkong recommended for rejection.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon White reports as follows: Aliens recommended for rejection on steamship *Doric*, sailing December 17: For San Francisco, 31; for Honolulu, 1. On steamship *Manchuria*, sailing December 26: For San Francisco, 31; for Honolulu, 1.